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As ever, the New Year gives us all a chance to look back at what we've achieved in the last 12 months and what we hope to achieve in the future. You'll find a colourful look back on life in the borough in 2006 on pages eight to 11. We've been making a

few changes to the way your magazine looks. We always welcome your comments on what you do and don't like, so feel free to write to me at the address below.

Happy New Year!

Jen



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Tailoring is still a thriving business in Newham

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**By 2010, Newham will be a major business location and
a place where people will choose to live and work**



In brief...

Urban Asian music production course

A six-week urban Asian music production workshop starts at Little Ilford Learning Zone today (January 13) and there's still time to get involved. It is being run by renowned Asian music producer Harvey Sahota.

If you'd like the chance to create your own demo CD and build on your skills at the studio in Rectory Road, Manor Park, call 020 8522 5770 or visit www.urbanasianmusicproject.com. It costs £15 or is free for full-time students.

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Mayor makes a point of saying thank you

Residents of Holden Point in Stratford, home to the council's Olympic Park Viewing Gallery, had a special guest at their Christmas Party.

Mayor of Newham Sir Robin Wales spent the afternoon at the sheltered housing block in Waddington Street as residents celebrated the festive season.

He thanked them for their help and support over the past year, which has seen hundreds of visits to the gallery organised by the council and the organisers of the 2012 Games.

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Free books for parents

If you'd like to get more out of reading, writing and telling stories with your children, you can get tips and help from BBC RaW.

You can get a free storytelling and activity book, *Max and Lara's Amazing Travelling Space Circus*, to enjoy with your children.

To order your free copy ring 0800 0150 950 or text GUIDE to 80010 and you'll get a call back. The RaW website at www.bbc.co.uk/raw also has lots of new activities for parents and children to do together.

Newham puts brakes on international scam

Newham Council tipped off the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), which has put out a warning about a company which uses a fictitious business address in Canning Town.

Paid Surveys sends letters containing a cheque for £350 as payment to the recipient for their first assignment, posing as a potential customer at a number of retailers and evaluating their service. The cheque is bogus and victims are told to test the services of a money transfer agency by sending £1,500 to a fake relative in Canada.

Consumers who believe they have been a victim can contact the regional OFT Scambusters team on 08457 22 44 99, call Consumer Direct for clear, practical advice on 08454 040506, or visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

New Library at North Woolwich

The borough's newest library opened at 5 Pier Parade on 8 January.

The new North Woolwich Library is next to and linked to the Docklands Local Service Centre and its facilities include full disabled access, extended opening hours, brand new books, DVDs and music, and computers with free internet access. There are also toilets and baby changing facilities.

To celebrate the launch, look out for a range of exciting free activities and events on offer for all ages this New Year. Contact the library on 020 8430 5900.



The modern new interior at North Woolwich Library

Councillor Rahman is young peoples' champion

Newham councillor Rohima Rahman has been praised for being a 'champion' councillor by the borough's young people.

Cllr Rahman received a special framed certificate from Mayor Sir Robin Wales after she won an online version of the game *I'm a Councillor Get Me Out of Here*.

Six councillors - James Butler, Lakmini Shah, Rohima Rahman, Sharaf Mahmood, Jonathan Knott and Simeon Ademolake - answered online questions posed by Newham pupils. Depending on their answers, one councillor was voted out each day with Councillor Rahman proving the most popular. It was all part of Local Democracy Week in October.



Councillor
Rohima Rahman

News

Have your say on Canning Town regeneration

Residents in the Canning Town and Custom House regeneration area are invited to attend their neighbourhood group meetings.

There will be a chance to meet representatives from Newham Council and the Metropolitan Police to raise issues and concerns.

Anyone who lives in or around the area can attend the meetings, which are held every three months.

The next meetings will be:

- **Keir Hardie Neighbourhood Group, Tuesday 23 January, 6.30pm, Hallsville Primary School, Radland Road, Canning Town**
- **Fife Road Neighbourhood Group, Tuesday 30 January, 6.30pm, Keir Hardie Methodist Church, Fife Road, Canning Town**
- **Canning Town Centre Neighbourhood Group, Tuesday 6 February, 6.30pm, Community Links, 105 Barking Road, Canning Town**
- **Freemasons Road Neighbourhood Group, Tuesday 13 February, 6.30pm, Canning Town**
- **Custom House Regeneration Project, 20 Freemasons Road, Custom House**

For further information contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 6359 or email sam.clark@newham.gov.uk



Mayor helps with Garth's goal

Mayor Sir Robin Wales welcomed footballer turned TV pundit Garth Crooks OBE to Newham Town Hall to discuss how the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games might benefit black and minority ethnic small businesses.

The former Tottenham Hotspur striker and Sir Robin were involved in a Commission for Racial Equality conference in Westminster in November that looked at who might benefit from the Games. Garth chaired a discussion at which Sir Robin talked about local expectations of the Games.

The Mayor said: "The 2012 Games are taking place in an area of London with a high concentration of ethnic minorities and we must do all we can to ensure that all our communities and businesses benefit from this opportunity."



The Mayor with Garth Crooks



Free event for over-50s

The council is teaming up with East Ham MP Stephen Timms to invite Newham residents over the age of 50 to an informative event.

From 11am to 4pm on Friday 2 February at the Beckton Community Centre, experts will be available to give advice on getting more money from benefits, home energy efficiency schemes, remaining safe at home and the council's Warm Centres scheme.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided free and low energy lightbulbs will be given away. Alternative therapists

will be on hand to help you soothe away the winter blues and you could also take up the offer of a free health MOT. All over-50s are welcome at the centre in East Ham Manor Way, London E6.

As well as Mr Timms, those attending to give you help and advice include representatives from The Pension Service, Newham Housing Benefits, Warmzone, Newham Network Community Alarm/NEAT, EnergyWatch, London Fire Brigade, the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged and Newham Primary Care Trust.

My view

With Mayor Sir Robin Wales



Moving in the right direction

– reasons to be optimistic this New Year

“satisfaction has risen in all the services we provide, from schools, to street cleaning, housing and leisure”

Being one of the few elected Mayors, I am directly accountable to you. It's important that I'm open and accessible for any Newham resident. Following the summer recess, I've increased the times and places where you can meet me to discuss your concerns, issues and suggestions for the borough. To find out more visit my website at www.newham.gov.uk/mayor or call 020 8430 2107 to find out where I'll be.

It is a difficult task creating excellent services for everyone in Newham and ensuring that our policies benefit the maximum number of people. Newham has a massive range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds and differences in employment and income. It's a constant challenge to make sure what we do benefits everyone.

That's why we have a first class research unit that gathers the best information from everyone across the borough so we have the most accurate picture of what people need and what they are happy or unhappy about. The results inform all the decisions we make in the Town Hall.

We track the progress of 1,000 residents every year to measure how their lives are improving and in what areas the council can improve. We've just got the preliminary results through from the latest survey and it shows that Newham's moving in the right direction.

Our focus has been to raise ambitions and build a stronger sense of community;

neighbourhoods where people feel happy and safe. That's been reflected in these latest results. More than 70 per cent of you say that you feel like you belong to your neighbourhood and almost 80 per cent of you say you'd be willing to work with your neighbours to improve your area. I think that's great and shows a real willingness on the part of the majority of people to work together to make Newham better.

Aspirations here are also higher than elsewhere. Almost 30 per cent said they thought they'd be getting a better job in the future and people see the importance of getting better skills for their future, 59 per cent saying they'd like extra training.

Especially pleasing for us is the number of people saying that council services are getting better. In fact, satisfaction has risen in all the services we provide, from schools, to street cleaning, housing and leisure.

There's a lot to do here still, but we're moving in the right direction and there's every reason to be optimistic this New Year.

TIMBER!

The festive season may be over but bringing down the Town Hall Christmas tree was a spectacle in itself.

Contractors Shanks helped pull down the 25-footer before feeding it into an industrial chipping machine at the Town Hall in Barking Road, East Ham.

The end result will be bags full of environmentally-friendly chippings to cover surfaces in the borough's parks and open spaces.

Residents can join in the recycling effort on a smaller scale by having their own

Christmas trees (real only) collected by the council for free over the coming weeks.

Why not dispose of your wrapping paper and Christmas cards in a green way too by placing them in your orange recycling bags or taking them to your nearest recycling bank?

For free Christmas tree collection, call 020 8430 2000. You can also use this number all year round to have your green garden waste collected for free.

Make 2007 a green New Year!



Deputy Mayor Cllr Christine Bowden, Cllr June Leitch and Mayor Sir Robin Wales feed the tree into the chipper

Health and safety precautions were put in place when the giant Christmas tree came down at Newham Town Hall this month.



Look back on **2006**

2006 was a great year for Newham, with a fantastic variety of events happening in the borough. Here we take a look back on the highlights.



5 February
The Big Sunday saw the launch of **Track 12**, a project in which 12 ordinary people from Newham will be followed and supported as they aspire to reach their ambitions and goals for 2012 and beyond. Watch this space for future updates!



21 January
Newham's disabled community came together at Stratford Circus in January to celebrate the achievements of the 24,000 disabled residents in the borough for the **Proud to be Disabled** event.



5 February
More than 32,000 people became part of Newham history as they flocked to **The Big Sunday** at ExCeL London. The biggest ever free community event gave people the chance to find out how they could join in with the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

18 March
More than 250 people turned up for the first ever **community forum dance event** at Manor Park. The local residents had the chance to try a variety of different dancing styles including bhangra and salsa and watch professional groups take to the stage.



25 March
Newham held its first ever young people's **fencing championship**. Six age groups competed in the finals after taking part in contests during weekly estate-based sports sessions run by the council.





13 May

Come on you Irons! We turned out in force to cheer on West Ham United as they took on Liverpool in the **FA Cup Final**.



4 May

On 4 May every resident eligible to vote had the chance to influence the way the borough is run by voting in the **local elections**. Many of you took the opportunity and selected your representatives, including re-electing Sir Robin Wales as Mayor of Newham.

6 July

Last summer the 2012 Roadshow bus pulled in to Stratford's Meridian Square as local people joined Tessa Jowell MP and Newham's Ambassador for the 2012 Games Tessa Sanderson to celebrate the **first anniversary of winning the Olympic bid**.



9 July

Councillor Pearson Shillingford became Civic Ambassador for Newham. Cllr Shillingford took up the role on his retirement as a bus driver for Stagecoach after 36 years' service.



15-16 July

50,000 people - one fifth of the borough - came out to enjoy the stalls, performances and rides at the **Mayor's Newham Show**. The Newham Carnival paraded round the streets with participants in brightly coloured costumes and there was live music and dancing on the stages.



Look back on **2006**

20 July
Car lovers geared up for **The British International Motor Show** held at ExCeL London. It was the first time in 30 years that the show returned to London, giving us the chance to see the world's fastest and most glamorous cars.



31 August - 3 September
40,000 people flocked to Central Park in East Ham for the four-day **Under The Stars** musical extravaganza. The festival marked the start of Newham's Music Month and gave the crowds top music entertainment from the worlds of soca, Asian, country and western, classical and swing. Top performers at the event included the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Trinidad's Ronnie McIntosh and chart-toppers Malkit Singh and Raghav.



6 October
Newham's hopes of seeing local talent compete at the 2012 Games were given a boost with the launch of the **Newham Sports Academy with Tessa Sanderson**. Around 30 young people from the borough who have shown exceptional talent were selected as the first members and given the opportunities and resources to help fulfil their Olympic dreams.



17 September
Community Forums across the borough joined together with the television station ITV as part of **The Big Clean-Up**, a national day of anti-litter action which saw more than 150 Newham residents and the Mayor take part in clean-up events.



21 October
During Diwali, Newham's schoolchildren proudly took part in a record-breaking attempt at building the largest ever **Rangoli pattern** at ExCeL London. The event saw the giant pattern made of colourful foods including red and green lentils, yellow split peas and pink delphinium petals.



5 November

There was a fantastic explosion of colour and light as people came together for the traditional **firework night** celebrations. More than 23,000 people watched last year's event with an impressive display set to music.



11-12 November

Services were held throughout the borough as residents took great pride in the **Remembrance Sunday** commemorations. Ex-servicemen and women laid wreaths of poppies at memorials and a two-gun volley at 11am marked the beginning of the two-minute silence at the cenotaph in East Ham.



22 November

The spectacular **Runga Rung** lantern procession paraded around the Green Street area as part of the Diwali festival. Lanterns made by schoolchildren and local community groups, illuminated floats and performers danced to the sound of the Dhol Academy and bhangra beats.



13-17 November

Young people had the chance to learn about other religions during **Visit a Place of Worship Week**. Faith leaders at churches, mosques and temples across the borough opened their doors to schoolchildren and spoke about their beliefs.

24 November

Newham's young people who had shown outstanding achievement, talent and citizenship were recognised and honoured at the council's annual **Shining Through** awards.



MAKING NEWHAM SAFER

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BEHAVIOUR

Enforcement officer Janet Cable (left) and Bow Street warden Olivia Bissett outside the sheltered housing in Stratford

The use of anti-social behaviour powers is usually associated with hoodie-wearing teenagers, but the council recently had to take action against an elderly troublemaker in one of its sheltered housing units.

Olivia Bissett, the warden at Bow Street Sheltered Housing in Stratford, has worked with elderly people for 34 years. She loves her work, dealing good-humouredly with the occasional difficult resident, but she had never once been frightened until Len* moved into Bow Street.

"Everything was fine at first," said Olivia, "But within a few months things started to go wrong. He was a drinker, and he often became abusive, aggressive and violent."

One night, when Len returned to Bow Street after a day's drinking, he began shouting and swearing at another resident. Olivia tried to calm him but he turned on her with such aggression that she locked herself in her office.

He ruined the residents' Christmas party, shouting at people and throwing drinks. "The party was completely spoilt and everyone was really disappointed," said Olivia.

After discussions with her manager, Olivia contacted Newham Council's Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (C&ASB) Service, and enforcement officer Janet Cable was assigned to the case. She immediately visited Len and was subjected to a tirade of abuse. But she persisted, and persuaded him to sign an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC).

Janet said: "This man was making the other people's lives miserable. All the residents wanted was to live peacefully and meet each other in the lounge for a nice cup of tea and a chat. But some of them were afraid to leave their flats until they knew Len had gone out."

An enforcement officer with 31 years' experience, Janet felt seriously threatened

by Len. "Along with the absolutely vile language, he tried to punch me," she said. "But there were people depending on me to do something, some of them very elderly and frail, some in wheelchairs, and there was no way I was going to walk away from the situation."

Len continued to drink and be disruptive and aggressive so the C&ASB team then successfully applied for an injunction against him and a suspended possession order. Although he has not completely stopped drinking, he is no longer behaving badly or threatening staff and neighbours.

"I think Len realised that Janet wasn't going to give up, and that he might lose his flat," said Olivia. "Having the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour team does such a lot of good because they do take action."

**Names have been changed to protect the man's identity*

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- Merchandising and promotional items
- Distribution
- Video production

To find out more about the tender process, and the kind of work you could be involved in, we are holding an open day between the hours of 10am and 4pm, on Monday 22 January 2007 at West Ham United Football Ground, Green Street, Upton Park E13 9AZ.

Should you wish to be considered for this work, you can either attend the open day or send an expression of interest to:

Eddie Torto, Strategic Procurement, London Borough of Newham, Old Technical College, Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, East Ham E6 2RP or email eddie.torto@newham.gov.uk or phone 020 8430 3547.

Applicants will be required to complete and return a pre-qualification questionnaire no later than 5 February 2007. The closing date for issuing pre-qualification questionnaires is 29 January 2007.

The London Borough of Newham is not obliged to appoint any agency as a result of this advertisement. Any agency must comply with the council's contract requirements and the successful agencies will be required to enter into a formal contract with Newham Council.

KIDS GO SPORTS MAD AT OLYMPICS DAY

More than 400 children from nursery age and up took part in an Olympic Day at Curwen School.

It began with a 30-minute aerobics session for staff, followed by another session in the playground for staff, pupils and parents.

The day was officially opened by Tessa Sanderson, with the newly formed cheerleading club performing its first cheer.

It was then handed over to sports,

including fencing, cycle training, canoe ergo challenge, basketball, hockey, goal ball, new age kurling, volleyball, handball, football and table tennis.

Other attractions included a staff pedometer challenge, bouncy castle, healthy eating talks, smoothie-making lessons and a sports development stall.

Both the hockey and volleyball lunchtime clubs played their finals at the school in Atlas Road, Plaistow.

A presentation ceremony was held with awards given out to pupils, classes and staff.

Paul Belcher, New Deal for Communities community sports coach, who organised the event, said it was a great day, with the school now keen to introduce cycling and kurling.

He added: "I'd like to thank everyone who helped make it such a great success."



One of the few still remaining today is Luke's Bespoke Tailoring, run by Savvas Economou, the latest in his family to offer a traditional tailoring service from the premises.

"Before mass-manufacturing, nearly everyone had their suits made," says Savvas. "Back in the 50s and 60s, there were tailors all down Barking Road from Plaistow to Canning Town. Now most people are happy to buy their suits off the peg in shops and most of the old tailors have retired."

Despite cheap competition from the High Street, many people still prefer to have a suit personally made and the bespoke tailoring service Savvas provides is in high demand.

"Most people are not the exact shape offered to you by the High Street," he says. "People might have one arm longer than the other, short arms or legs or are tall or broad, so a tailored suit will fit much better."

"Styles, materials and finishes will always change with time, but I hope the quality and prestige of a well-made suit will never go out of fashion."

"We advise customers on the best style for them. Your shape will affect the cut that will look good on you, for example a one-button, fitted suit will look much better on a smaller man. We can also advise on material, as a light colour will make you look bigger, while tapered pinstripes would give shape to a tall and slim man."

Savvas' family came to Britain from Cyprus in the 1950s. His father, already a successful tailor in Cyprus, worked on Saville Row before eventually settling his family and business in the East End.

"My father could sew a pair of trousers by the time he was nine," says Savvas. "He tried to get work at a

Until the 1960s, Barking Road was home to a host of bespoke tailors, offering high quality, made-to-measure suits to the men of the borough and beyond.

Stitching up the East End

dockyard as a child and was told he was too small, so he tried tailoring instead. By 15 he was running his own successful tailoring business in Cyprus and by 21 he was working in London."

Both Savvas and his brother Luke followed in the footsteps of their father and went on to work in the tailoring industry. Savvas spent three years at the London College of Fashion studying handcraft tailoring.

"I much prefer the personal tailoring side of things rather than manufacturing,

although that seems to be the way things are going now," says Savvas. "As I was leaving the college they were shutting down the tailoring course. Young people don't seem to be interested in it anymore. It's long hours and very labour-intensive work."

Luke's Bespoke Tailoring caters for people of all backgrounds, with many old customers who have since left London returning to the shop when they need a new suit made. There is also a flowing trade from city workers in Docklands.

"We tailor for all occasions, from



weddings to funerals. A lot of people like to have a special suit made for going to church, and I have made the pastor himself his suits too. I also recently made a pair of suits for a lesbian civil partnership ceremony.

"We often make suits for bigger guys as they usually find it hard to find well fitting, off the peg designs. One customer who came to us had a 72-inch chest and I had to attach two tape measures together to do the fitting.

"There is a gym behind us and one

down the road, so we get a lot of custom from the boxers. I have made suits for Frank Bruno, and I also made a Union Jack suit out of sequins for the MC who introduced Frank Bruno during the Tyson fight."

Purchasing a suit at a bespoke tailor's shop means customers have hundreds of styles and materials to choose from. Throughout his career as a tailor, Savvas has seen fashions change as people request the different styles of suit available.

"At the moment the trend is for a very English suit, with one or two buttons and close fitted," says Savvas. "We are also doing a lot of mod-style 60s suits, and pinstripes are very popular.

"The guys from the city like to have extra pockets to hold all their modern gadgets such as BlackBerrys and mobile phones.

"Styles, materials and finishes will always change with time, but I hope the quality and prestige of a well-made suit will never go out of fashion."

The Big Quit

New year; fresh start

New Year is an ideal time to make a fresh start and quit smoking.

Smokers in Newham are being encouraged to quit by Newham Stop Smoking Service. The Big Quit kicked off on Saturday 6 January at St John's Church, Stratford Broadway. A series of events will be held this month to help people who wish to quit.

There is still time for anyone to sign up to The Big Quit program on 20 or 27 January. Follow-up sessions will be held on Saturday 17 and 24 February.

The benefits of giving up smoking far

outweigh the initial difficulties of trying to quit. The chances of having a heart attack are significantly reduced after giving up smoking.

Other benefits include:

- + **Financial savings**
- + **Improved sense of smell and taste**
- + **Blood circulation improves throughout the body**
- + **Improved breathing**
- + **Blood pressure improves**
- + **Increased energy levels**

Free nicotine replacement therapy (for the first six weeks), advice, information and support will be given to residents taking part in The Big Quit.

More than 1,600 people in Newham gave up smoking for more than four weeks in 2005/06.

It is estimated that about 364,000 people in England are admitted to hospital each year due to smoking. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease and chronic lung disease and kills about 106,000 people in the UK every year.

Posters on wheels advertising The Big Quit were driven around the borough in the run-up to the stop smoking initiative this month.

Dr Shahed Ahmad, Director of Public Health, said: "Smoking is one of the biggest causes of premature death that can be avoided. The Big Quit is a great opportunity for smokers to give

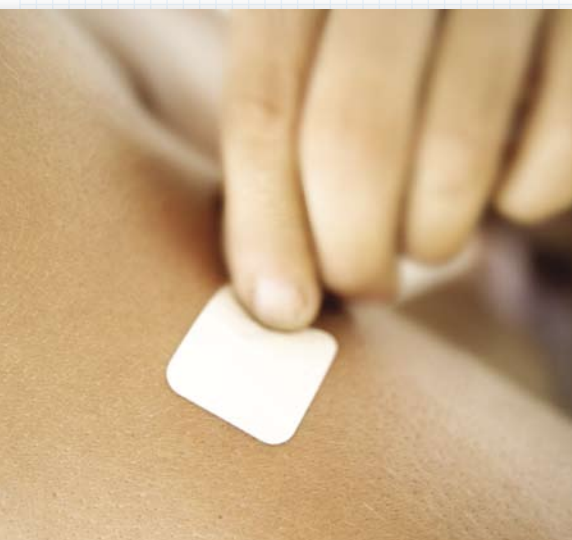


up smoking and enjoy the benefits of improved health and fitness.

"Newham Stop Smoking Service provides one-to-one and group support for smokers who would like to quit."



For further advice and information, call the free phone number 0800 013 1673 or visit www.newhampct.nhs.uk for more information.





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ASK THE EXPERTS

WHAT NEWHAM PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE LONDON GAMES

Almost 200 people took the chance to ask the experts about plans for the 2012 Games at a free event at The Old Town Hall, Stratford, last month. They had the chance to meet people from the organisations managing the plans for the local areas that will be affected.

A range of topics were covered including Olympic Park development,

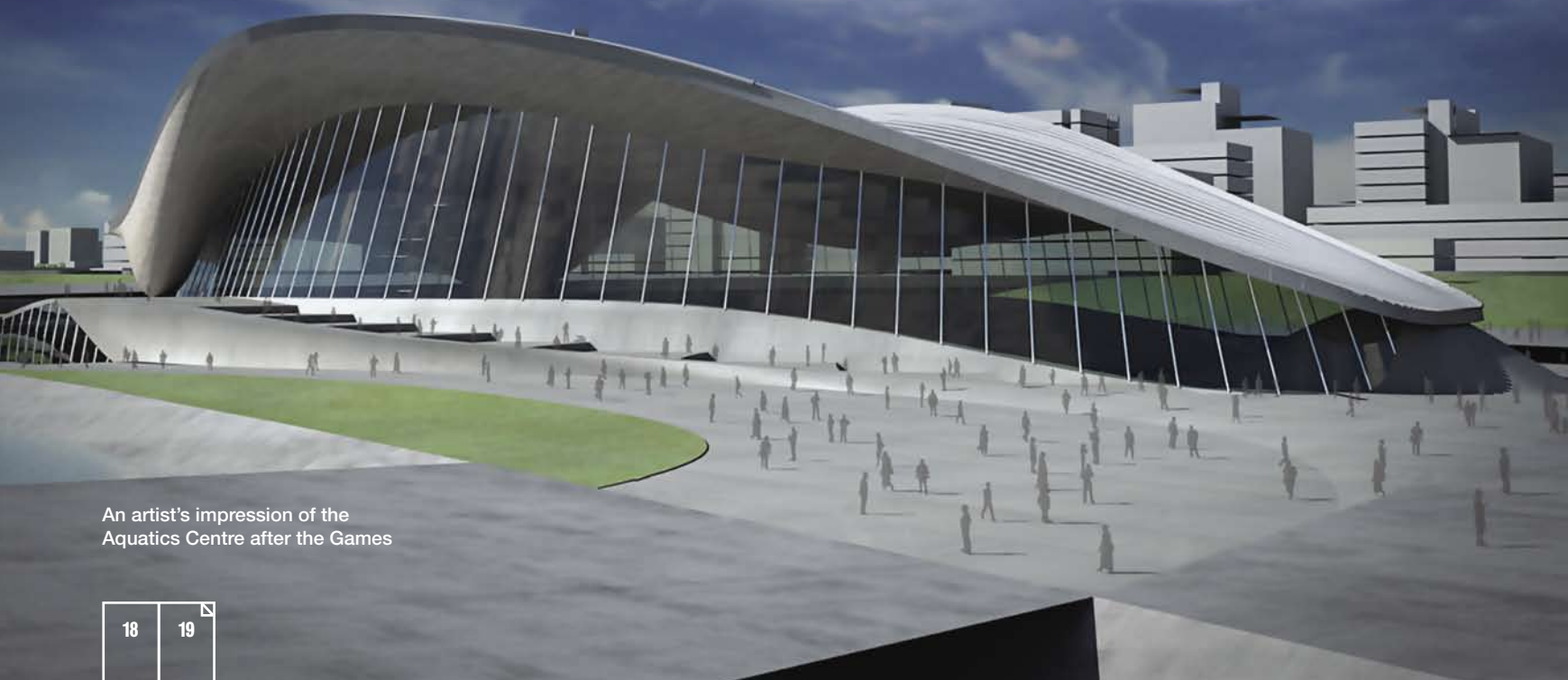
transport, jobs and business opportunities, sport, culture, transport during the Games, tickets and volunteering.

Panellists included Annabel Gunnell, community relations manager for the London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG), Allan Gooch, head of strategic planning at the

Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA), and Councillor Conor McAuley, Newham Council's executive member for regeneration.

As there was not enough time to answer everyone's questions, the council is aiming to run another event later this year.

Here we share with you some of the questions and answers.



An artist's impression of the Aquatics Centre after the Games

2012 GAMES UPDATE – NEWHAM HOST BOROUGH

LEGACY

Q. What plans are being made for the new Olympic facilities to be useful to local people after the Games?

A. Julie King, Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)

We think legacy is extremely important. This is about engaging with local people and taking ownership of the Games. The masterplan that will be put in in January is very much about the outline planning permission, so when we get down to the detail of what people want as a legacy, that is when we will come back and engage local people. We have done some of that work with the local authorities and with some of the local people, but we have not done enough. Therefore, there is a commitment to come back and carry on that dialogue to make sure that we take all of those issues into consideration.

HOUSING

Q. What will the Games mean for the Stratford area in terms of accommodation? Will there be more affordable housing for local people?

A. Conor McAuley, Newham Council

There will be 3,600 units of housing built, which become the Olympic Village. They will be available for people as homes a year or so after the Games, when they will be converted for proper living use. There will be a number designated as affordable housing and some which will be social housing. The amount of new accommodation built at the Olympic Village will be dwarfed by the other residential developments that will be taking place in the Stratford area and the Lower Lea Valley over the next six to ten years. It will be a major opportunity for people, particularly those looking for affordable housing.

COSTS

Q. Montreal is still paying for the 1976 Olympics, 30 years after the event. The press is suggesting

that the costs for the 2012 Games are spiralling out of control. How confident are you about the Games coming in on budget?

A. Dan Hawthorn, Greater London Authority (GLA)

I would strongly encourage everyone here not to believe everything they read in the press. The fact is there has been no formal announcement that breaks down the cost of the Olympic infrastructure budget. To reiterate, as the Mayor [of London, Ken Livingstone] has been saying over and over again, there is no way that London, and particularly London council taxpayers, are going to be left to pick up the bill of any cost overruns that do arise from the London Games.

JOBS

Qs. What opportunities will there be for jobs for disabled people?

How will you prevent people coming from outside Newham into Newham to apply for these new jobs?

I am one of the people who you have trained for a construction job. What assurance can you give us that people will not be brought in from outside the area to do jobs, because I've heard that might happen?

A. Geoff Newton, London Development Agency (LDA)

In terms of people who are disabled, many of the job opportunities will be open to them and it would be our intention to support disabled people into jobs as much as we are doing with people who are able bodied. I get asked frequently how we are going to ensure that people who come from outside the borough do not come in and take all the jobs, be it in construction or other opportunities. If we in the LDA, in the five boroughs and with our colleagues, get our act together and anticipate the opportunities and train local people, then there is absolutely no reason why the contractors on the Olympic site will not look first of all to those people

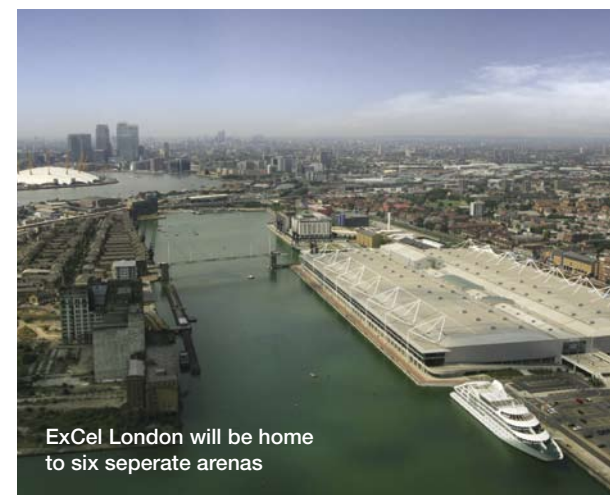
who can do the jobs on their doorstep. It makes sense; why should they go somewhere else?

TRANSPORT

Q. I am really concerned about the transport system in London. I commute to work every day and there is always something wrong with the transport. When the the Olympics happen, how can you assure us that the transport system will be able to cope?

A. Allan Gooch, Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA)

Firstly, there is huge investment going into the public transport system between now and 2012, not just Olympic-related funding but funding from the Mayor's [of London, Ken Livingstone] transport budget as well through our colleagues at Transport for London. Examples of that are the upgrade of West Ham Station, the upgrade of Stratford Regional Station, and the increased capacity on the Docklands Light Railway, where we are going to be increasing the capacity from two-car units to three-car units. Therefore, come Games time, we will have a capacity just on the rail system alone – that is National Rail, DLR and Underground – serving the Olympic Park, of nearly a quarter of a million passengers per hour. Thus, we do have huge capacity, which is in great contrast to that which was provided at Sydney.



ExCel London will be home to six separate arenas

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM IS LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENT PEOPLE TO JOIN ITS STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The London Borough of Newham is seeking independent members for its Standards Committee as the term of office of a number of its current independent members expires in March 2007. The Standards Committee gives the council advice on its Members Code of Conduct, monitors the effectiveness of that code and has an important role to play in training members and helping them to follow the code.

In addition, the committee deals with any allegations of breaches of the code which have been referred to the council's monitoring officer by the National Ethical Standards Office.

Independent members must not, during the last five years, have been a member or employee of the council or a member or employee of any other authority. Nor must they be a relative or close friend of a member or employee of Newham.

Ideally we would like our members to represent a range of different skills and knowledge (e.g. the community, voluntary, professional and business sectors) but this is not essential.

If you are interested in ethical matters, have good questioning skills and confidence to deal with complex and sensitive issues, then you may be an ideal person for this role. Preferably you will be independent of any political party and local government.

At the moment the committee meets six times a year in the evenings. You will also be required to attend relevant training funded by the council. You will be paid an allowance and can claim the reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses. The term of office will be for two years. Members can serve for two consecutive terms although re-appointment is not automatic.

If you would like to join our Standards Committee, contact Georgina Wills, Member Services Unit, London Borough of Newham, Newham Town Hall, East Ham, London E6 2RP, telephone 020 8430 3216 or email georgina.wills@newham.gov.uk.



Closing date for return of forms is Monday 29 January 2007.

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Newham 
Primary Care Trust

Board Meeting

2 p.m on Tuesday 16th January 2007

in: The Conference Rooms, Warehouse K, Western Gateway,
Royal Victoria Dock, London E16 1XL

All members of the public are welcome to attend

Discussion at the meeting will include the trust's Operating Plan for 2006-9. If you are interested in this or other health-related topics, please come and join us.

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For more information about the meeting, or to request sign language interpreters or large print papers, call:

The Communications Team at Newham PCT
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COMMUNITY FORUMS



BECKTON

BECKTON FESTIVAL PROVIDES CHRISTMAS CHEER

More than 600 people turned out for Beckton Community Forum's Christmas arts, crafts and food festival on Saturday 16 December.

The free festive event took place at Kingsford School in Beckton and was hosted by lead member for Beckton Community Forum Councillor Ayesha Chowdhury and Deputy Mayor and Beckton ward member Councillor Christine Bowden.



Inderjit Biggin & daughter Molly enjoy the festivities

People flocked to the various craft stalls and were entertained with stilt walkers, jugglers, magicians, funfair rides and tea dances. The children's activity area was especially popular with face painting and a visit to Santa in his grotto to receive a gift.

Stalls included hand-painted glassware, hand made silver and crystal jewellery, homemade jams, preserves and chutneys and hand-made Christmas cards.

Stage performances included traditional West Indian quadrille dancing, Brick Lane Music Hall, carol singing by children from the Fusion Arts Theatre School, Bengali band Wasir and Lithuanian dance and folk singers Saduto.

Mrs Inderjit Biggin attended with her daughter Molly. She said: "Molly enjoyed the activity area and the craft stalls. We try to attend many of the community



Stilt walkers entertain the crowds

forum events because they are family occasions and provide something for everyone."

Cllr Chowdhury said: "It was a brilliant day. I was delighted to see so many people of all ages coming together to share the fun."

Cllr Bowden added: "Beckton Community Forum does an excellent job in providing community events that enable people to take pride in their local area.



ROYAL DOCKS

RECYCLING IS THE WAY FORWARD FOR ROYAL DOCKS

Royal Docks is the latest community forum to put the finishing touches to their local Neighbourhood Action Plan.

The document, which focuses on the issues local people most want tackled, places a strong emphasis on environmental agendas with recycling as a top concern.

The forum will spend the coming

months working with the council to deliver a recycling event which will raise the profile of recycling facilities amongst local residents and help to make a real impact.

Chair of Royal Docks Community Forum Sid Keys said: "More than 100,000 tonnes of rubbish were disposed of in Newham last year and that

simply isn't sustainable, particularly when over 50 per cent of household rubbish can now be recycled.

"Our mission is to put on a fun event that the whole community can enjoy and helps to educate people on how simple things like using the orange recycling bags can make a real difference."



STRATFORD & WEST HAM

STRATFORD'S LIGHTS ARE A REAL TURN-ON

Newham's Mayor Sir Robin Wales switched on the Christmas tree lights at Stratford Town Hall on Tuesday 12 December in a ceremony organised by Stratford & West Ham Community Forum.

Traders at Stratford Market donated gifts for Sir Robin to distribute to children in Newham General Hospital, and once again donated a Christmas tree for the event.

Stratford and West Ham ward councillors Ron Manley, Richard Crawford, Regina Williams, Freda Bourne and David Griffin along with members of Stratford & West Ham Community Forum joined Sir Robin for the ceremony.

Afterwards there was a chance to enjoy mince pies and lively singing from the children of Ranelagh School choir.

Councillor Manley said: "I thank everyone who has helped us with the switch-on, especially the youngsters from Ranelagh School and the market traders who kindly donated the tree."



The Mayor, ward councillors and forum members with children from Ranelagh School



FOREST GATE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS GIVE CROWDS A BUZZ

Scores of people turned out to see the Christmas lights switched on in Forest Gate town centre on Wednesday 6 December.

Mayor of Newham Sir Robin Wales performed the honours at a special ceremony organised by Forest Gate Community Forum at Emmanuel Church, Upton Lane. Local ward councillors Shama Ahmed and Winston Vaughan joined Sir Robin, with forum members on hand to give out free goodie bags.

There was also an opportunity to hear carols sung by children from Godwin School choir. Local resident, Jenny Shepherd who attended with her son William said: "It was lovely to see the children singing their hearts out, despite the chill wind. They all seemed to enjoy shouting out the countdown to the big switch on!"

The Christmas lights were made possible thanks to Newham Council and Tribal Consulting, and sponsorship from local businesses including Passmore Urban Renewal, 99p Stores Ltd, Newbury Radio, S&S Cycles, Wilkinson Estate Agents, Bagaria Sports and Tribal Consulting.

Stratford and Forest Gate town centre manager Tom Stanworth said: "The Christmas lights really add to the look and feel of Forest Gate town centre at an important time for traders, and contributions from local businesses help demonstrate great support for the local area."



Sir Robin turns on the festive lights

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COMMUNITY NEWS



NEWHAM-WIDE

SCHOOLS PRAISED FOR PROMOTING SAFE TRAVEL

Schools across the borough have been applauded for their efforts in helping their pupils get safely to and from school.

Nineteen schools have been awarded certificates for completing travel plans that outline practical measures that make the journey to school safer, children healthier and improve the school environment.

So far 37 Newham schools have plans that pupils, parents, staff and governors pledge to implement. They include schemes such as 'walking buses' and encouraging cycling to school by offering

cycle parking and road safety training.

The latest schools to receive travel plan certificates were East Ham's Central Park, Langdon, Lathom and St Michael's Schools; Dersingham in Manor Park; Forest Gate's Earlham, Godwin and St James Schools; Eastlea and St Joachim's in Canning Town; Beckton's Ellen Wilkinson; Plaistow's New City and Southern Road Schools; Rosetta in Custom House; St Edward's in Upton Park; and Stratford's Carpenters, Maryland, Ranelagh and Stratford Schools.



Representatives of the schools who were rewarded with certificates



EAST HAM

CHOIRS CELEBRATE CHURCHES' CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY LIFE



Singers at the concert to celebrate churches' contribution to local communities

Choirs from across Newham gathered to celebrate the contribution made by churches to the life of their local communities.

Around 200 people attended the council-organised concert at the Town Hall in Barking Road, East Ham, to hear a collection of gospel music and Christmas carols.

Choirs who took part included those from All Saints Church, West Ham; the Calvary Charismatic Church, Plaistow; Cherubim and Seraphim, Forest Gate; Forest Gate Methodist Church; Four Square Gospel Church, Plaistow; Glory House, Plaistow; Harmony Christian Centre, East Ham; St Stephen's Catholic Church, Manor Park; Trinity Chapel, Stratford; and Royal Connections, Plaistow.

Councillor Joy Laguda, executive member for older people, who helped organise the event, said: "We have some wonderfully talented choirs in Newham and this concert offered a showcase for them to display their excellent voices. It was a tremendous night."

Entrance was free but a collection raised more than £70 for charities favoured by Newham's Civic Ambassador Councillor Pearson Shillingford.



PLAISTOW

MAYOR BRINGS CHEER TO CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

Children at Newham General Hospital enjoyed some early Christmas cheer when Newham's Mayor Sir Robin Wales handed out presents to them last month.

He visited Rainbow Ward at the hospital in Glen Road, Plaistow, and spoke to youngsters, their parents and staff.

He was distributing gifts that were donated by traders at Stratford Market. Councillor Ron Manley, lead member for Stratford and West Ham Community Forum, also helped hand out the presents. Sir Robin said: "There are many people who work hard at making Christmas enjoyable for children who have to stay in hospital and I take my hat off to them all.

"I am delighted to have been able to spread a little cheer and I thank especially the Stratford traders who so kindly donated the gifts."

Hospital play specialist Danielle Pearce said: "We look forward to the Mayor coming to see us at Christmas. He really makes a fuss of the children."



Sir Robin and Cllr Ron Manley with patient



EAST HAM

CHARLOTTE, 100, HAS DOUBLE REASON TO CELEBRATE

Charlotte Camper had a double surprise on her 100th birthday - a card from The Queen and flowers and a visit from Newham Mayor Sir Robin Wales.

The Mayor dropped in on her celebrations with family and friends at the Manor Farm nursing home in High Street South, East Ham.

He said: "I am delighted to have been able to play a part in Charlotte's 100th birthday celebrations. She is a marvellous lady and I loved hearing her talk about days gone by."

Charlotte Hutley, later Camper, was born in Leyton on 19 December 1906 and was one of 12 children. At 18, she went to work at Yardley's in Stratford, where she carved special edition soap pieces.

She and husband Bert spent many happy years together living in East Ham and Manor Park before Bert died a few years ago.



Charlotte Camper celebrates with Sir Robin



NEWHAM-WIDE

CHILD TRUST FUND WEEK (15-20 JANUARY)

East London Financial Inclusion Unit (ELFI) is taking part in the Government's Child Trust Fund Week this month, to help parents find out all they need to know about the Child Trust Fund.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child born on or after 1 September 2002, you will receive a £250 voucher to open a Child Trust Fund Account for your child. It is linked to Child Benefit and you will get a Child Trust Fund Pack within a month of being awarded Child Benefit.

ELFI will be providing training and information on how to open an account. For further information, call ELFI on 020 8534 3487 or visit www.elfi.org.uk

Further information is also available from many of the Sure Start Children's Centres in Newham.

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Winner



Ogo Osemeka, 10



Atiyah Saeed, 10

What did the little traffic light say to the big traffic light?
Don't look I'm changing!

Why did the tomato stop in the middle of the road?
Because it ran out of juice!

by Fayyaz Patel, 8

Jokes



Isabella Trujillo, 7

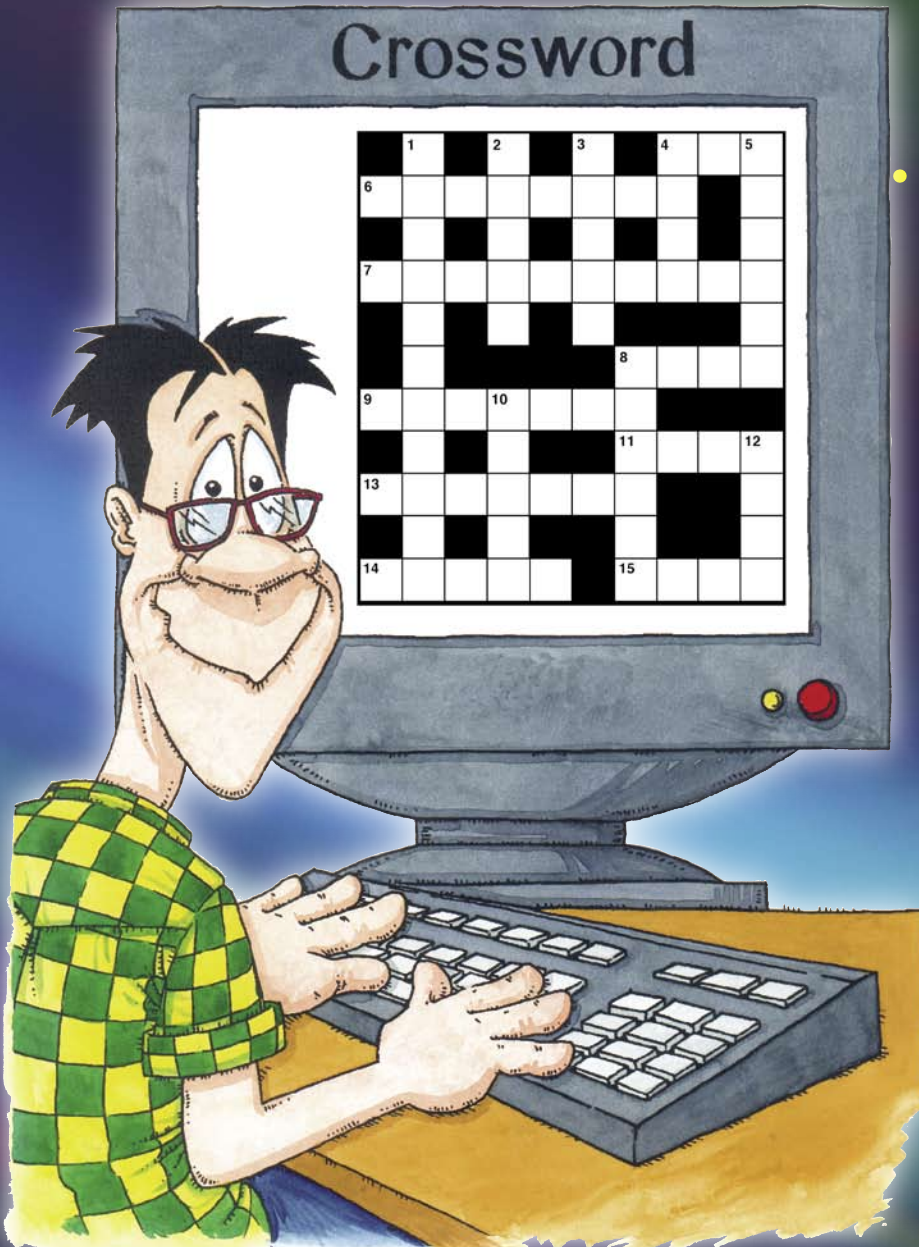
Poem

Two Times Table
by Thamina Ahmed, 8



Twice one is two
Violets white and blue
Twice two is four
Sunflowers at the door
Twice three is six
Sweet peas on the stick

Twice four is eight
Poppies at the gate
Twice five is ten
Pansies bloom again
Twice six is twelve
Pinks for those who delve



Crossword

Across

4. It can be soft or hard boiled (3)
6. People use it to type on their computer (8)
7. Group of standing stones on Salisbury Plain (10)
8. Piece of clothing worn by Batman (4)
9. Person who repairs leaking pipes (7)
11. China is part of this continent (4)
13. First month of the year (7)
14. Person who travels over snow (5)
15. Scottish loch which is meant to have a monster (4)

Down

1. Beautiful green space in Newham (7,4)
2. Hard wood used to make piano keys (5)
3. Boat used in sailing races (5)
4. Biblical garden (4)
5. Country which hosted the Olympic Games in 2004 (6)
8. Coloured wax used for drawing (6)
10. Animal which people move to use their computer! (5)
12. Mont Blanc is in this European mountain range (4)

Answers:
Across: 4. Egg, 6. Keyboard, 7. Stonehenge, 8. Cape, 9. Plumber, 11. Asia, 13. January, 14. Skier, 15. Ness
Down: 1. Central Park, 2. Ebony, 3. Yacht, 4. Eden, 5. Greece, 8. Crayon, 10. Mouse, 12. Alps



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SETTING SAIL FOR NEWHAM

ONE of the world's largest boat shows came back to Newham this month, attracting thousands of visitors from across the country, as well as local residents.

The London Boat Show took place at ExCeL London in Custom House for two weeks from 5 January. It was opened by sailing heroes Dame Ellen MacArthur, Alex Thomson and Mike Golding OBE.

The show underwent a major revamp for 2007 and featured everything from seafaring skills through to boat design and coastal life. The ten-day event, which

housed the largest and most varied collection of boats in the UK, always attracts an exciting array of boating personalities and marine experts.

Budding boat owners could check out the latest innovations and products on the market, while boating novices had the chance to learn everything there is to know about boating, watersports and our island heritage.

There were more than 700 exhibitors and around 1,000 world class boats to keep the visiting masses interested.



News from UEL

IN BRIEF

Water triumph for marketing students

Enterprising students from UEL's Business School have conjured up a Lara Croft style cartoon water goddess to help Thames Water spread the word about water efficiency. The winning team was awarded a cheque for £500 and its marketing campaign will be used across East London this year.

Children's Garden open for hands, heads and hearts

Even toddlers can enjoy the benefits of a UEL education, with the opening of the new Children's Garden at Docklands Campus. The centre is managed on Steiner (Waldorf) education principles, providing children with a safe and stimulating environment to play, learn and explore.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 10 January 2007

Open Evening – All welcome
Visit our Stratford and Docklands campuses and find out about degree programmes starting in February. Also featuring the Postgraduate Lounge!
For full details visit www.uel.ac.uk

Wednesday 3 & Friday 5 January 2007

Children's Garden Open Days, 10am – 5pm. Call 020 8223 7833 for details

Albarn is right Hon

Blur and Gorillaz frontman Damon Albarn has been awarded an Honorary Master of Arts degree from the University of East London.

Damon and his parents Keith and Hazel joined hundreds of graduates from UEL's School of Social Sciences, Media and Cultural Studies celebrating their academic success at a ceremony held at London's Barbican Hall on 12 December.

Accepting his award from UEL Chancellor Lord Rix, Damon told the assembled graduates: "I'll be brief because I'm sure you all want to go out and celebrate. It's great to receive this award from an institution where my Dad used to work - thank you all very much!" Damon's father was head of Art and Design at UEL in the early 1970s and set up its BA (Hons) Fine Art programme.

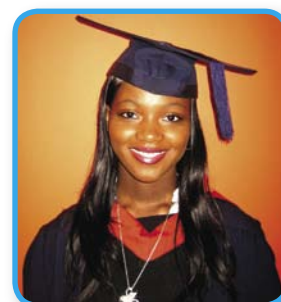
Founder and frontman of the two world famous bands, Damon was awarded the Honorary Degree in recognition of his outstanding contribution to music and culture.



Get on course for New Year

Why not begin a degree this February? With New Year starts becoming increasingly popular, UEL is recognised as a leader in the field, so you'll be in great company. Carol Elliott, head of admissions at UEL, said: "With many mature students and others taking time out between school or college and university, we want to offer students more flexibility and choice – and it clearly works."

New Year starts also make sense for psychological reasons. Dr Ilona Boniwell, one of Europe's leading experts in positive psychology and leader of a new MSc programme at UEL, said: "New Year is when people are most motivated to make resolutions and embark on new ventures. Another advantage is you don't have to do final exams in summer, when you might rather be in the park or on the beach!"



Dionne Bowen of East Ham, who graduated with her BA (Hons) degree in Journalism and Print Media, said: "The degree was great, the lecturers were really nice, I met lots of interesting people and the campus is lovely!"

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Free Newham Gold Card Activities

Some venues may be subject to change. Please call Newham Council on 020 8430 2484 prior to attending.

Basketball

- Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February**
 - ⌚ 7-9pm: 8-19 years
 - » The Froud Community Centre, Toronto Avenue, Manor Park E12
- Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February**
 - ⌚ 5.30-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Royal Victoria Gardens, Pier Road, Custom House E16
 - ⌚ 7.30-9.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Plaistow Park, Greengate Street, Plaistow E13
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Gainsborough Cage, Milner Road, West Ham E13
- Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February**
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » New Beckton Park, Savage Gardens, Beckton E6
 - ⌚ 6-8pm: 8-19 years
 - » Plashet Park, Plashet Grove E7
- Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February**
 - ⌚ 4.30-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Priory Park, Grangewood Street, East Ham E6
- Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February**
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years

- » Lister Gardens, Upper Road, Plaistow E13

Multi-Sports

- Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February**
 - ⌚ 4.30-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Winsor Park, Warwall, Beckton E6
- Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February**
 - ⌚ 6-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Carpenters and Docklands Centre, 98 Gibbins Road, Stratford E15
- Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February**
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » The CAGE (Chatsworth Active Games Enclosure), Cruickshank Road, Stratford E15

Non-Contact Boxing

- Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February**
 - ⌚ 7.30-9pm: 8-19 years
 - » Hartley Community Centre, Barking Road E6
- Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February**
 - ⌚ 7-9pm: 8-19 years
 - » St John's Community Centre, Albert Road, North Woolwich E16
- Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February**
 - ⌚ 5-7.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » The Froud Community Centre, Toronto Avenue, Manor Park E12
 - ⌚ 3-4pm: 8-19 years
 - » Royal Docks Community School, Prince Regents Lane E16 3HS
- Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February**
 - ⌚ 2.15-4.15pm: 8-19 years
 - » Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, Beckton E6

Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February

- ⌚ 6-8pm: 11-17 years
- » Winsor Community Centre, 20 Warwall, Beckton E6

Fencing

- Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February**
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Priory Park, Grangewood Street, East Ham E6
 - ⌚ 7-8.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » St Luke's Centre, St Luke's Square E16
- Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February**
 - ⌚ 6-8.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Forest Gate Youth Centre, 1 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate E7
- Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February**
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Shipman Community Centre, Prince Regents Lane, Custom House E16
 - ⌚ 6-8.30pm: 7-17 years
 - » Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, Beckton E6
- Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February**
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Lister Community School, St Mary's Road E13 9AE
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Brampton Manor School, Roman Road E6 3SQ

Football

- Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February**
 - ⌚ 6-9pm: 16+ years
 - » Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, Beckton E6
 - ⌚ 5.15-7.15pm: 8-19 years
 - » New Beckton Park, Savage

Gardens, Beckton E6

- ⌚ 6-8pm: 8-19 years
- » Plaistow Park, Greengate Street, Plaistow E13
- Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February**
 - ⌚ 6-9pm: 16+ years
 - » Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, Beckton E6
 - ⌚ 4.30-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Royal Victoria Gardens, Pier Road, North Woolwich E16
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Major Road MUGA, Major Road, Stratford E15
 - ⌚ 5-6.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » New Beckton Park, Savage Gardens, Beckton E6
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Gainsborough Cage, Milner Road, West Ham E13
- Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February**
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Scud Park, Tant Avenue, Canning Town E16
 - ⌚ 6-8pm: 8-19 years
 - » Forest Gate Youth Centre, 1 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate E7
 - ⌚ 5.30-7.30pm: 8-19 years
 - » Barking Road Recreation Ground, Barking Road, East Ham E6
- Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February**
 - ⌚ 6-9pm: 16+ years
 - » Kingsford Community School, Kingsford Way, Beckton E6
- Sunday 14, 21, 28 January, 4 February**
 - ⌚ 5-7pm: 8-19 years
 - » Lister Gardens, Upper Road, Plaistow E13



13 January – 10 February

Multi-Sports Camp for SEN and Disabled People

Booking is required. Activities include gymnastics, tag rugby, football and basketball.

Monday 15, 22, 29

January, 5 February

⌚ 4-5.30pm: 11-16 years

» Eastlea School, Exening Road, Canning Town E16

Wednesday 17, 24, 31
January, 7 February

⌚ 3.30-5pm: 11-16 years

» Langdon School, Sussex Road E6 2PS

Libraries

Beckton Globe 1 Kingsford Way, E6 5JQ. 020 8430 4063

Canning Town Barking Road, E16 4HQ. 020 7476 2696

Custom House Prince Regent Lane, E16 3JJ. 020 7476 1565

East Ham High Street South, E6 6EL. 020 8430 3648

The Gate 4-20 Woodgrange Road, Forest Gate, E7 0QH. 020 8430 3838

Green Street 337-341 Green Street, E13 9AR. 020 8472 4101

Manor Park Romford Road, E12 5JY. 020 8430 2207

North Woolwich 5 Pier Parade, North Woolwich, E16 2LJ. 020 8430 5900

Plaistow North Street, E13 9HL. 020 8472 0420

Stratford 3 The Grove, E15 1EL. 020 8430 6886

Under 5s Story and Rhyme Sessions

Free session led by a trained member of staff.

Beckton Globe Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February 10-11am

Canning Town Wednesday

17, 24, 31 January, 7 February 10.30-11.30am

Custom House Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 10.15-11.15am

East Ham Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February 2-3pm

The Gate Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February 11am-12noon

Green Street Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 10.30-11.30am

Manor Park Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 10-11am

Plaistow Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 11am-12noon

Stratford Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 11am-12noon, Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February 2-3pm

Toy Libraries for Under 5s

Borrow toys from our toy library for your baby to enjoy at home.

Beckton Globe Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February 10am-12noon, Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 1-3pm

East Ham Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 10am-12noon, Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 10am-12noon

Messy Play

Activities for under 5s.

Beckton Globe Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 10am-12noon and 1-3pm

East Ham Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February 10-11am

Adult Reading Group

Read a book a month and share your thoughts with the rest of the group, something for contemporary and classic tastes.

East Ham Monday 15 January 6.15-7.45pm

The Globe Tuesday 6 February 6.30-7.30pm

Children's Reading Group

The best in new children's books. Parents are welcome too!

Canning Town Saturday 20 January 3.30-4.30pm January, 1, 8 February 1-3pm

Family Reading Group

For children aged five to 11 and their family members to talk about and recommend books.

East Ham Thursday 1 February 6-7pm

Plaistow Saturday 27 January 10.30am-12noon

Beckton Tuesday 6 February 6-7pm

The Gate Sunday 4 February 2.30-4pm

Over 50s Reading Group

Explore the pleasure of reading in a friendly environment.

Beckton Tuesday 23 January 10am-12noon

Plaistow Thursday 1 February 6.45-7.45pm

Teen Xtra Reading Group

Explore the latest books in the vibrant range of fiction now available for teenagers.

Beckton Thursday 25 January 2.30-4pm

Homework Clubs

Term time only, 7-14 years. Weekly homework help and advice from dedicated homework helpers. National curriculum resources, free internet and CD-ROMs.

Beckton Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 4-6pm

Manor Park Saturday 13, 20, 27 January, 3, 10 February 10am-12noon

Stratford Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February 4-6pm

Canning Town Saturday 13, 20, 27 January, 3, 10 February 10am-12noon

Custom House Saturday 13, 20, 27 January, 3, 10 February 10am-12noon

East Ham Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February 4-6pm

The Gate Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 4-6pm

Green Street Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 4-6pm

Plaistow Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 4-6pm

Teen Afternoon

Play the latest PS2 and Xbox games, board games, surf the net, read magazines and make new friends. 11-19 years.

Beckton Monday 15, 22, 29 January, 5 February 3-5pm, Wednesday 17, 24, 31 January, 7 February 3-5pm

Custom House Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 3.30-5.30pm

East Ham Tuesday 16, 23, 30 January, 6 February 3.30-5.30pm

Manor Park Thursday 18, 25 January, 1, 8 February 4-6pm

Click On

Look at websites and develop your computing skills to help your child's learning outside school. Skills and knowledge gained from the sessions can be used in the home or using the free computing facilities at any library in Newham. Call Canning Town Library on 020 7476 2696 to book a place.

Canning Town Friday 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February 9.45-11.45am

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